

NEWS FROM IRELAND

ALL THE HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST IN THE OLD COUNTRY.

What is Being Done by the People at Home - Gossip From All the Counties of the Emerald Isle.

Ulster

ANTRIM.—Much sympathy was expressed for W. Manning, Jr., on the loss he has sustained through the death of his beloved mother.

A vote of condolence was passed at the weekly meeting of the Antrim council for the relatives of the late (Miss) Cusack, founder of the G. M. A.

John Price, collector of rates for the district, Dock and Ormeau wards, Belfast, died on Dec. 5.

William McLoughlin died on Dec. 4 at 43 Lesson street, Belfast, where he carried on for some years a successful grocery business.

A very large meeting of the tenants on the estate of R. D. Percival Maxwell, Esq., which comprises the townlands of Blunelbrogue, Inch, Magheracranmore, Dunanally, Ballynacraig, The Island, Eghamman and Upper and Lower Ballybrannagh, was held in the Down Hunt Arms hotel, Downpatrick, James Hutton, J. P., one of the tenants, presiding, for the purpose of considering a letter from the agent, addressed to Alex. Napier, secretary for the tenants, asking them to make Mr. Maxwell an offer to purchase their holdings. Some time ago the landlords offered to sell at a reduction of 3 shillings in the pound on second term rents and 5d. in the pound on first term rents, which the tenants refused to accept. After considerable discussion it was agreed to offer to purchase on a reduction of 5 shillings in the pound on second term rents and 7 shillings in the pound on first term rents, paying 3/4 per cent on the purchase money until same would be forthcoming, all game and sporting rights to be vested in the tenants, who all expressed their determination that in any agreement that might be come to, these rights should be vested in the tenants, and the secretary was directed to forward these terms to the agent.

ARMAGH.—Rev. M. Quinn, administrator, presided over the annual meeting of the Armagh Catholic Rate Payers' association in Armagh on Dec. 2. The convention to select five representatives on the rate payers' committee for St. Patrick's ward for the ensuing twelve months was held in Ban Brook school at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. W. J. McGeenan, registration agent, having submitted his annual report, which showed the splendid success which attended the efforts of the Nationalists of the city in the recent revision court, a hearty vote of thanks was conveyed to the solicitor who fought the Nationalist battle in the courts, Patrick Lavery, on the motion of Michael Donnelly, C. C., seconded by Patrick McKenna, J. P., chairman. U. D. C. Mr. Lavery having acknowledged the compliment, a vote of thanks to the registration agent, Mr. McKenna, was also passed on the motion of P. H. O'Brien, solicitor, seconded by Patrick Lennon, and Mr. McKenna autubly replied. The election of five members of committee was then proceeded with, and the following gentlemen were selected: Messrs. E. Cowan, Patrick Lennon, John Farry, Thomas McGarrigan and Edward McKee. The proceedings terminated with a warm vote of thanks to the reverend chairman on the motion of P. McKenna, J. P., seconded by P. H. O'Brien, solicitor.

SAVAN.—The announcement on Nov. 18 of the death of Miss Lizzy (Lily) Grady, daughter of Terence Brady, draper, Cooterhill, at the age of sixteen years was received with sincere regret. The body of John Priory, gentleman farmer of Arragh, County Sligo, was found in the Royal Canal, Mullingar. Deceased had been missing since Nov. 12, when he attended Mullingar fair to sell horses.

The new rules under the 1906 Laborers' act have now been issued by the local government body, and it is quite certain that a very considerable number of representations will be received by the Nos. 1 and 2 rural district councils in due course. The district committees when selected by the councils should most carefully consider each application for a cottage and only recommend those applied for on farms of a fairly large acreage. The committees would also do well to endeavor to obtain the consent of the occupiers and others interested in as many of the cases as possible. This will not only expedite the business, but will save a great amount of unnecessary expense.

DOWN.—A Gaelic football club is being organized at Killoo, County Down, and will very likely figure in the forthcoming competitions.

The weekly meeting of the Young Emmets took place in their rooms, Queen street, on Monday, Dec. 3. Three new members were enrolled. The secretary reported the club to be in a flourishing condition, and in a short time it is hoped they will appear in their colors. "The great Irish song."

In the house of commons, in reply to Captain Craig, Mr. Bryce said the amount of government money allotted to the county of Down annually for the past three years in respect of industrial cottages was as follows: March 1903, 12,010; March 1904, 22,027; March 1905, 22,027. There was an unexpended balance of 23,836. Under the present system of issue, the amount available for the purpose of the act would

be paid out of the laborers' cottages fund by the treasury.

DERRY.—Mrs. Patrick Cullen of Clones Ederney died on Dec. 1 of heart disease, aged sixty-two.

DONEGAL.—Dr. O'Doherty, bishop of Derry, and Dr. O'Donnell, bishop of Raphoe, have each sent handsome subscriptions to the fund in aid of the families of the fishermen drowned recently at Glengad, on the Inshowen coast.

At her husband's residence, Drimadeslin, Termon, Letterkenny, Bridget, the beloved wife of James McLaughlin, nee Gorman, and cousin of Cardinal Logue, died on Dec. 1.

FERMANAGH.—In the probate court before Justice Andrews the action of Scott versus Wilson came up on an application by Mr. Calvert (instructed by J. F. Dunwoody), on behalf of the plaintiff, Thomas Scott of Ballybay, County Monaghan, for an order fixing the time and mode of trial. Plaintiff seeks to prove the will of James Sloan, deceased, who died near Ballybay on Sept. 1. Defendants, who are next of kin, oppose the granting of probate on the usual statutory grounds. The hearing was fixed for Friday, Nov. 30, before a special jury of Dublin city.

MONAGHAN.—The death took place at his residence, Main street, Carrickmacross, rather suddenly of Owen J. Smyth, spirit merchant. Mr. Smyth had been attending to his business a few days before.

Before a crowd of 2,000 spectators Donaghmore, Fontenoys and Inniskeen Fane Rovers met at Carrickmacross on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 2, to decide which would enter the final struggle for the County Monaghan football championship. Final score: Donaghmore, 1 goal and 4 points—7 points; Inniskeen, 1 point. Donaghmore now meet the Carrickmacross team in the final.

TYRONE.—A resolution was received by Omagh urban council from the Neagh urban council recommending the striking of a penny rate toward the teaching of Irish. The communication was marked "Read."

At the Great Northern railway station in Strabane a young man named John Early of Lifford and another man were engaged in unloading rails from wagons and filling them to the vacant space between the Great Northern and Donegal railway platforms. The rails are held on the wagons by three upright catches at each side, and Early was in the act of pulling out these catches when two of the heavy rails fell on to the unfortunate man's foot. He was conveyed to Lifford infirmary, where the foot was amputated.

Munster

CLARE.—In the Catholic chapel Miss Susan Mesall was recently married by Rev. Thomas McMahon to E. Corley, creamery manager, Kilmihil.

The death took place at the Convent of Mercy, Kiltrush, on Nov. 29, of Sister Mary Catherine Purcell, at the age of fifty-one years.

James O'Connor, auctioneer, Kiltrush, had two very successful sales in West Clare, the first being the premises of the late Captain Murry, Francis street, Kiltrush, to Miss Bedella Mescall. Market square, for £70. The second was the farm of John Byrne for £675 to John Murray, county councillor.

CORK.—Deaths in Cork.—Nov. 27, at 13 Henry street, Ellinbath (Bassett), third daughter of the late William Anderson, Lunham, provision merchant, of the city. On Nov. 27, at the South infirmary, Thomas D. Falvey, R. D. C., son of Denis Falvey, Curranure, Inchabannon. On Nov. 27, at his residence, Gortnaclopy, Skibbereen, Jerome, late master of Skibbereen union.

Henry Soulier, an American consul, in a report from Cork to the Washington bureau of manufactures, says that the recent drop in the price of Irish cured mackerel has forebly impressed the public, as well as the government, with the danger threatening this important national industry. Conditions have vastly improved in the past decade, yet comparison with the early history of the trade shows but too clearly that more strenuous efforts are needed in order that the people and the country may enjoy the full fruition of this great source of wealth hidden in the seas and inland waters of Ireland. There were about 700 Irish boats with nine men to each boat, engaged in the fisheries last season, and those were only half of the boats and men engaged. The rest came from Scotland, the Isle of Man and France. Some idea may be had of the importance of this industry to the south of Ireland alone when it is learned that the wages paid to the men engaged on the coasts of Cork and Kerry during the mackerel catch of two months last spring amounted to £170,400. The total spring catch of mackerel for 1905 was 223,000 hundredweight and the autumn catch 274,000 hundredweight.

KERRY.—The tenants on the estate of Gullamore O'Grady, Ballaugh, Abbeyfeale, who declined to sign purchase agreements with the majority of the tenants who purchased at twenty-two years on second term rent, met the agent, Mr. Hunt, at the Central hotel and with some exceptions effected a settlement.

A meeting of the United Irish League, Ardee branch, was recently held, at which John Coughlan, R. D. C., presided. Among the other members present were Messrs. James O'Connor, John Hanlon, Patrick Carmody, T. Guran, Patrick Landers, Michael Goggin, Patrick Barry, Edward Lowe, John Dillon, Maurice Regan, Timothy McMillan, John Keanne, D. Coughlan, John Doran, Martin Pate, Charles Daley, Jeremiah Lyons, Stephen Collins, Edward Scannon, Thomas Scannon, Edward McMillan, Patrick McMillan and others.

The secretary read a circular from the National Directory with reference to the sitting of the royal commission, which will take place in a few days at Ardee, and the secretary requested that the meeting should take steps to appoint a competent person to give evidence before the commissioners. The matter was under discussion for some time when it was decided to adjourn to the next meeting. The secretary also read a communication from M. J. Flavin, M. P., from the house of commons with regard to the building farm situated at Tullibinnell, North Kerry, which is in contemplation of being divided up among the cottiers and small holdings, etc. The secretary called the attention of the meeting to the report of the last meeting of the county council dealing with direct labor, when it was clearly shown what saving was effected by direct labor beyond the contract system, which the following figures will show clearly—viz: One road alone, when under the contract system the annual price was £72 12s., with the present outlay under direct labor cost only £42 11s., which would mean a saving of £30 1s. annually. In accordance with county council report, notwithstanding the amount saved, the road was doubly better in repair, besides having a year's supply of stuff on the road. This told well for the system of direct labor. Other matters before the meeting were adjourned to next meeting. The following resolution was proposed by John Dillane, seconded by Patrick Landers and passed unanimously: "Resolved, That we, the members of the Ardee branch of the United Irish League, consider the time has come when Mr. Gibson, Listowel, should come to an amicable settlement with the representatives of the late William Power regarding Slis farm, and we respectfully ask that he would be so good as to leave the matter in dispute to arbitration, as it is our wish that a friendly settlement should be arrived at which would much assist toward the peace and prosperity of the locality."

LIMERICK.—James Gleeson, aged about nine years, was on Dec. 4 made the recipient of an illuminated certificate by the corporation of Limerick in recognition of his bravery for saving the life of a child of four, who accidentally fell into the Shannon. The mayor, in presenting the certificate, eulogized the plucky action of young Gleeson and predicted a good future where so much promise was exhibited at that early age.

Mrs. McDonnell of Kylesglass, the wife of W. McDonnell, J. P., died at her late residence, Kylesglass, Limerick, on Dec. 4.

TIPPERARY.—The death is announced of Mrs. O'Neill at Cappa White, County Tipperary, at the age of 103.

At a meeting of the North Tipperary executive resolutions were adopted congratulating the electors of Galway on the return of Mr. (Ciaran) de Bunscoil to the policy of conciliation and thanking the Freeman's Journal for its advice and assistance to the tenant farmers of Ireland.

Tipperary and Kilkenny met in a great hurling contest at Jones' road Dublin, on Dec. 2. Tipperary won.

P. J. O'Flanagan, honorable secretary of the North Tipperary Teachers' association, wrote forwarding the following resolution, which was adopted at the late executive conference of national teachers: "That we demand for children attending Irish national schools equal to those enjoyed by the children attending similar schools in England and Scotland, and we consider it monstrous injustice to Ireland that the parliamentary grant for Irish primary education for the current year should be £578,003 less than the Scottish grant, while the number of pupils to be educated in primary schools in these two countries is practically the same, being in the ratio of 1 for Ireland and 1.09 for Scotland in 1905, while the population be taken as basis, which would be fair to this country. Scotland gets 101 per head this year, while Ireland only receives 76 pence per head from the ordinary estimate and 3 pence per head from the developmental grant; that in the interests of Irish education we urgently ask an all round increase in the salaries of Irish teachers, as we believe that the present starvation salaries are calculated to prevent the entrance of suitable candidates to the teaching profession, as well as to drive away those who are already in, and that we see no reason to regret for denying to Irish teachers those civil rights which are freely conceded to the teachers of Great Britain."

WESTMEATH.—At a recent mass in Mullingar cathedral Rev. P. Daly, administrator, read the list of contributions from the different parishes in the diocese of Meath to the quincentennial collection for the pope, the total of which was £1,572.

The death of Thomas Weir, Irish-town, took place on Dec. 3 at his residence, Irishtown, Mullingar, at the age of seventy-five years.

WATERFORD.—A familiar figure in Waterford and district is removed by the death of Richard Power, proprietor of the old Williamstown race course. He caught a chill a few days ago, which resulted in pneumonia, and died on Dec. 4.

Mrs. Healy, Tinloah, Grangemockler, died rather unexpectedly on Dec. 4 after a brief illness.

Leinster

CARLOW.—During a run with the Carlow hounds on Dec. 2 from Hollymount Sir Anthony A. Weldon, vice-chamberlain to the lord lieutenant, met with a severe accident. When jumping a fence his horse was caught in some bushes and fell, rolling over on the side. At first it was feared he

was seriously injured, but subsequently on being attended by Dr. Colgan it was found that no bones were broken. He was, however, severely bruised about the head and shoulders, but was able to return home.

At the last meeting of the Carlow county committee of agriculture and technical instruction his lordship Most Rev. Dr. Foley, referring to the controversy with regard to the price of barley in Ireland, said that a good many people were under the impression that prices in England and Scotland were 2 shillings a barrel higher than in Ireland. If that were so, the committee should take some action on the matter. He wanted to quote for them letters on the subject in reference to the prices in England. He would then move that they ask the department to ascertain the correct prices in Ireland, England and Scotland. His lordship then quoted letters received from different parts of England with regard to the prices of barley in the current year. From Durham came a letter that the price was 13s. 6d., but very few had got that, and the top price might be taken at 11s. 6d. From Yorkshire came a letter that the writer had not sold any barley yet, but he thought the best they could get for it was 11s. to 11s. 3d. The top price they could get was 13s. 6d., and very few samples realized that price. The price of the best barley on the day of writing was 12s. 9d. The average price of barley was 14 shillings to 15 shillings, a communication from Norfolk showed. The average a month ago was 14 shillings, but Norfolk got the best prices. In Scotland the average price was 12s. 5½d., but some samples realized 13s. 6d. His lordship remarked that these figures did not bear out the prices which appeared in the newspapers. It would be very useful information for the farmers to have a return of the prices from the department. After some discussion it was decided to ask the department for the return in question.

DUBLIN.—At the last meeting of the financial committee of the Gaelic League arrangements were made for placing accounts of the league headquarters in the Munster and Limerick bank, which has agreed to accept cheques drawn on it in Irish, the body of the cheques as well as the signature.

On Nov. 27, at the Church of the Carmelite Fathers, Clarendon street, Dublin, Miss Margaret Marie O'Flaherty, second youngest daughter of Patrick O'Flaherty of Islandeady, Westport, County Mayo, was married to Patrick Donohy of Ballinacree. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. V. Kelly.

MILDARE.—A young man named Thomas Cooney, a native of Clonduff, County Kildare, who had been superintending the snaring of the rabbits in Connemara, arrived in Oranmore in the afternoon entered a house in the village and asked for a knife. This was supplied to him, when, to the horror of the inmates, he cut his throat with it. He was removed to the dispensary in a serious condition and died in two hours after admittance. Letters and bank notes and deposits amounting to £130 were found in his pockets.

Athy fair, one of the principal fairs of the year for stall feeding stock, was well supplied in the various departments, with the exception that beef and mutton were below the average. Yearlings, 15 to 16 lbs.; two-year-old bullocks and heifers, 18 to 19; three-year-olds, 113 to 114; common beef, 44s.; coarse bullocks, 48s.; prime, 52s. per hundredweight; mutton, 7d. to 8d. per pound. There was an unusually large supply of horses—cobs, cart horses and long tails—all of which sold at remunerative prices.

KILKENNY.—His many friends in Carlow and district will be pleased at the announcement that the well known brewer, James Sullivan & Co., established in Kilkenny since 1702, have appointed John Howe of 11 Tullow street their agent for Carlow.

MISS MARY GEOGHEGAN, esteemed daughter of Michael Geoghegan, Leiston, died recently.

The death of Thomas Smyth, Rathnov, took place at his residence on Nov. 30.

A sudden death occurred in Edenderwilly on Dec. 3. A woman named Kate Nugent, who resided in Ballykeate, a short distance from Edenderwilly, was engaged in making a purchase in Miss Williams' drapery establishment, when she dropped dead. The services of Dr. Hamilton were immediately requisitioned, but of course without avail. All she could do was to certify that the cause of death was apparently heart failure. The poor woman, who was about sixty years old, was extremely popular in the district, where she was well known as an industrious, hard-working and honest woman.

LONGFORD.—George H. Miller, Ellinloah Lodge, Edgeworthstown; Henry B. Wilson Slater, White Hall, Edgeworthstown, and Major H. E. W. Edgeworthstown, were nominated for high sheriff for Longford.

The death took place on Dec. 5 of James Burns, a native of Granard.

LOUTH.—At last mass in Mullingar cathedral on Dec. 3 Rev. J. Kelly, C. C., read the following totals of subscriptions in the various parishes, sixty-six, of the dioceses of Meath toward the quincentennial collection of Peter's pence; total for the diocese, £1,571 19s. 4d.

James and Thomas Donnelly, brothers, employed in the factory of Dickson & Co., Drogheda, were each on Dec. 3 treated by their better halves with twins, boys. The grandpapaents and great-grandpapaents of the new arrivals are alive and in good health.

The infants are to be christened Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

At a meeting of the North Louth Executive on Dec. 4 Rev. Nicholas Layless presiding, the following resolutions were unanimously passed: "That this executive condemns in the strongest manner possible the action of William O'Brien, member of parliament for Cork City, in his attempt to create discord and faction among the Irish people at a critical period in our history, and that this executive, representative of the Nationalists of North Louth, congratulate Mr. J. E. Redmond, M. P., leader of the Irish party, on his leadership, and we pledge them our unbounded confidence and support."

MEATH.—The death occurred recently after a long illness of Samuel H. Beckett, Abbeyview, Trim, one of the oldest and most popular citizens. The deceased belonged to a highly respected Trim family and had attained the age of seventy years.

Very Rev. Canon Deegan of St. Alexander's, Liverpool, died on Dec. 3.

QUEENS.—Eleanor, daughter of the late John Dugdale of Donaghmore, Queen's county, died on Dec. 1. In his eighty-third year, Robert Empey of Lobehee, Stradbally, died on Dec. 3.

WEXFORD.—Mr. Moody of Wexford has taken out a new patent for furnaces and received an order recently from Australia valued at £2,000.

J. Allen, County Down, arrived in Wexford with a steam roller worked by an oil engine, says the Wexford People. He is at present working at the South Wexford station. We are glad to see it is the first steam roller to appear in this district, and moreover, that it was made in Ireland.

A movement is on foot to revive the Town Tenants' League in Enniscliffey. As will be remembered, a very vigorous branch was in existence there a few years ago, and as a tribute to its activity it was actually stated that some speculators in house property withheld operations. There is great scope for the organization in the town, and the success so far of the bill before parliament should give town-dwellers high hope for better things to come.

Dr. W. Kelly, Enniscliffey, has been appointed resident surgeon of the Mater Misericordiae hospital, Dublin.

WICKLOW.—On Dec. 6 as a van driver named James Waldron, in the employment of a firm of wholesale grocers in Bray, was returning after County Wicklow delivery through the Glen of the Downs his horse took fright and bolted. Waldron was thrown violently against the ground and his leg broken near the thigh, the horse meanwhile continuing its homeward course and arriving in Bray without the driver at 1 a. m. The matter was reported to the police and to William Burke, M. C. C., in one of whose houses, Waldron resided, and he at once proceeded along the route which Waldron was supposed to have come, bringing two constables with him. When they arrived near the Glen of the Downs they found the poor fellow being brought in a cart by some countrymen. His leg was set by Dr. Brew, and it is hoped that he will recover.

Connaught

GALWAY.—John J. D'Arcy, Echo Point, Clifden, has been appointed to the commission of the peace for the county of Galway.

Dr. R. T. Lewis, son of the late M. Aylward Lewis of Ballinagar, Loughrea, died recently at his residence at Willingham, Cambridgeshire. Dr. Lewis was a graduate of Dublin university and took his M. B. degree in 1855.

The death is announced from Athenry of Lady Annie Nugent Daly, wife of John Archer Blake Daly, J. P. D. L., of Furbough, County Galway, and daughter of the Earl of Westmeath. She was married in 1864. The name of Daly was assumed under the will of Mr. Daly's maternal grandfather.

A meeting of the Caherisbane U. I. L. branch was held on Nov. 20. Rev. M. Henney, P. P., presiding. Also present: M. Burke, V. P.; P. O'Neill, treasurer; P. Monaghan, secretary; F. Curran, D. C.; R. Staunton, D. C.; M. Cunningham, D. C.; T. Kyne, P. Curry, J. Feerick, M. Kennedy, J. Higgins, William Moran, M. Reilly, P. Burke, E. Kennedy, T. Burke.

Before Sir Nicholas O'Connor's departure for Constantinople a deputation of his tenants on the Lara estate waited upon him with a view to having negotiations for the sale of the estate entered into. The agent intimated that Sir Nicholas' terms of sale were twenty-one and a half years' purchase on first term tenants and twenty-three years' purchase on second term tenants, none of the grass ranches on the estate to be disposed of. The tenants considered the terms unsatisfactory and accordingly withdrew without any further consultation.

Kilreesco U. I. L.—The annual election of the committee of the Kilreesco U. I. L. branch was held on Nov. 22. The following officers were elected: Patrick Gannon, president; Patrick Duane, vice president; John Barrett, treasurer; Bartly Monaghan, secretary; James Pender, D. C., assistant secretary. Patrick Rogers, D. C., submitted the report of the financial standing of the branch for the past year. Total amounted to £1 3s. 3d., leaving a balance in the hands of the treasurer of 17s. A large number handed in their subscriptions for the ensuing year.

Thomas Moran died at his residence, Cartron, Kinvara, on Nov. 16. The death of his wife, to whom he was devotedly attached, occurred after his funeral and made the affliction a very trying one for the family, who are very popular in the district, and the greatest sympathy is felt for them in their double bereavement.

LEITRIM.—A meeting of the St. Bridget's branch of the Gaelic League

was held at Crossy House on Sunday evening, Dec. 2. Members of the branch and others who take an interest in the Gaelic revival attended, as the date for the reorganization of the branch and election of officers was fixed at the meeting. Rev. Joseph McGivney, C. C., has kindly consented to attend and deliver one of his interesting lectures on "The Ancient Language, Music, Games and Pastime of Our Country."

On Nov. 30, at Shriod chapel, Miss Rosa Duffy, niece of our well known and popular townsman, Thomas Duffy, U. D. C., was married to Patrick Murray, Carrick-on-Shannon. The ceremony was performed with nuptial mass by Rev. Bernard Geraghty, administrator, Longford, and immediately after it had taken place the parties drove to Mr. Duffy's house at Greenfield, where a sumptuous wedding breakfast was served.

MAYO.—The Mayo Infirmary committee have granted a retiring allowance of £180 yearly to Dr. M. O'Malley-Knott, surgeon to the institution for thirty-five years. Dr. O'Malley-Knott will continue to act as consulting surgeon.

The whole hearty sympathy of the residents of Ballyhaereen and district has gone out to P. J. Clarke, D. C., Cloonamore House, and William Clarke, J. P., Castlemore, on the death of their mother, Mrs. T. Clarke, which melancholy event took place recently.

The council of the Mayo Industrial Development association has elected William Doris, chairman Westport urban council, president; Dr. Maguire, Claremorris, and M. F. Waldron, B. A., Ballyhaunias, vice presidents. Rev. J. O'Malley, C. C., honorable treasurer, and John Clarke, honorable secretary.

A number of the young men of the parish of Milltown have formed themselves into a society for the promotion of temperance, good fellowship and general social improvement. A splendid meeting and recreation room has been secured for the purposes of the society and has been fitted out with the means for innocent recreation in the shape of a bagatelle table, draughts, etc. A library of instructive and entertaining literature is to be also provided.

Another meeting of the Connaught feis committee was held in Claremorris under the presidency of Canon Macken. The syllabus was arranged and substantial prizes given for the different sections, and arrangements were also made for the collection of funds. Dr. Costello, Tuam, the treasurer of the feis, announced that the National Bank, Tuam, refused to open the feis account because he signed his name in Irish, and it was decided to deal with the Ulster bank. The action of the National bank, which was founded by Daniel O'Connell, in refusing to cash checks signed in Irish has been universally condemned.

ROSCOMMON.—The Boyle November cattle, sheep and horse fair prices for cattle were decidedly good and showed a marked advance on previous fairs. An enormous amount of stock was disposed of.

J. A. Devany, postmaster at Castlerea, has been transferred to Swaffham, Norfolk. Mr. Devany's departure is much regretted in Castlerea, where he was very popular owing to his courtesy to the public and willingness to oblige.

A meeting was held in Castlerea for the purpose of making arrangements to present E. A. Fisher, who had been for a number of years manager of the local branch of the National bank, with an illuminated address and presentation. A committee was appointed to carry out the arrangements.

At the meeting of the Roscommon district council John McGreevy proposed a strongly worded resolution relative to the evils of the grazing system. Mr. McGreevy prefaced his resolution by an able address. The resolution was adopted and copies ordered to be sent to the public boards in Connaught.

On Dec. 2 a public meeting was held in Tyrrelspass under the auspices of the U. I. L. The meeting was a very important one, as it is being organized principally for the purpose of advocating the breaking up of the large grazing ranches in the vicinity of Tyrrelspass. Bands and contingents attended from Croughan, Cloneyheligue, Castle-town G. and Ballinagore, as well as a large attendance of Nationalists from all the surrounding districts. Rev. Father Carpenter, Rev. Father Smyth and the neighboring clergy were present.

SLIGO.—A meeting of the A. O. H. Killargue division, No. 525, was held on Dec. 2. Brother John McMorrow in the chair. There were a few members enrolled and a large number proposed for next meeting. The meeting was closed in the usual form.

A large meeting of the A. O. H. Drumkern division, No. 221, was held on Nov. 24. Brother J. O'Donnell in the chair. It was arranged that a delegate would be sent to the county board meeting. Three members were proposed for the next meeting.

A meeting of the Ballintogher division, No. 532, was held on Nov. 25, as the regular meeting was adjourned owing to the death of our beloved parish priest, Very Rev. Canon Cahill, P. P. Five new members were initiated, and six were proposed for the next meeting.

At the regular meeting of the A. O. H. Sligo division, No. 23, the following resolution was passed unanimously: "Resolved, That we, the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, in regular meeting assem. 'ed, tender to Branch Lily of Lough Gill, No. 376, Irish National Foresters, our grateful thanks for their kindness in lending to our dramatic club their scenery for the purpose of staging its plays." Proposed by A. Kerman O'Donnell, president; seconded by Terence Fox. Copies to be sent to the press and the chief ranger, T. Begley, T. C.